

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Nick Culley (Youth Liaison) answered roll call. Aaron Gurley was not present.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 and November 23, 2020 meetings. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported that he gave a plaque to Dr. Williams thanking him for his service on the Board of Public Works and Safety. He named Brad Berkemeier to be his replacement. He will also be replacing Ron Jarman at the end of the year as he will no longer be a Board of Works member due to being elected as a County Commissioner.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed the Department Heads that they need to have their final bills in by December 23. The docket will be approved December 30.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier said he wanted to thank Dr. Williams for his service to the City and the community. Berkemeier said Williams will be missed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said there are pedestals being placed for storytelling. We will be receiving drawings today. The parking lot is going in by Gettingers.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Pavey said he is working with the departments to get a list of permits with fees. We will review and see if the permits need to be updated.
- **Housing** – The 3rd apartment building is going up. They are working on the pad for the housing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing

- **Cherry Street** – Nothing.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – We are ready to look at the Arts Council proposal.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Animal – A report was sent out today. Pavey said they met today with the contractor to wrap things up on the building.

Fire – Chief Munson reported that Roger Brown passed his Perf physical. They are waiting on a start date.

Park – Director Burklow said they are doing maintenance and winterizing. They will start getting heavily involved in the Overlook project.

The demolition process has started on Willkie Park. They are working out a plan for the final project.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Bridges said he has had compliments on the new ornamental signage on the 13th Street culvert project. He was asked if it would be possible to have something similar on the 12th Street bridge. Pavey said he will check into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program** – Mayor Pavey said we are very optimistic that we will be moving forward on this soon.
2. **Protest Guidelines Ordinances** – The Mayor said he needs to work with Tucker and schedule a meeting.
3. **HWC:**
 - a. **Utility Study Eric Smith** – We will make a phone call to see what recommendations they have.
 - b. **Comprehensive Plan Review** – We are looking towards January or February to review.
 - c. **ECDC Schedule** – See below schedule.
 - Kickoff Meeting - Wednesday, December. 2, 2020; 2:00 p.m.; Video Call
 - Phases 1 & 2 Review Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2020; 2:00 p.m.; Video call
 - Pre-Retreat Video Call – Wednesday, January 20, 2021; 2:00 p.m.; Video call
 - Implementation Plan Draft #1 Review – Wednesday, February 24, 2021; 2:00 p.m.; Video Call

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Non-Reverting Funds** –
 - a. **Ordinance 2020-28 Establishment of Non-Reverting fund for Strom Drainage (FILO)** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2020-28 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. **Resolution 2020-50 Establishment of Non-Reverting Fund for Medical Insurance** –Marzon moved to approve Resolution 2020-50. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Financial –

- a. **Transfer Resolution 2020-51 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-51. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2020-52 Temporary Loan to General Fund** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-51. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 3. **Health Insurance Revision** – Employee open enrollment meetings will be December 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. at the Princess Theater.

- 4. **2021 Fuel Bids** – The only bid received was from Harvestland. 87 octane – 2.04
89 octane – 2.25
93 octane - 2.47
delivered diesel – 2.42
Bridges moved to table for review by Sheehan and to give him the authority to set the time to get the best rate for 2021. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. City Utilities –

- a. **Salary Study –**
- b. **Salary Ordinance Justification Spreadsheet** – Mayor Pavey passed out a spreadsheet and said he gives credit to the Utility Board especially Phil King. They have done a very comprehensive look at salaries. Pavey said it almost looks like a merit system. Each employee will receive a review and that will determine the increase per year. At the next meeting we will need to approve the utility wage scale. Berkemeier made a motion to table. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19:

Mayor Pavey presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rush County Health Department and the City. It is for large scale emergency support. After some discussion Daubenspeck made a motion to sign the MOU. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RMH Programs – RMH has been notified that they will be a Phase 1A vaccination site for Rush and Henry Counties. The first shipment will consist of 975 doses. The first priorities will be health care workers living in Rush and Henry County who work with long term care facilities. RMH is currently doing Covid testing and having to wait 3 days for the results. They are now waiting on approval for 15-minute testing.

CLAIMS AND OCTOBER 2020 BANK RECONCILIATION: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and October 2020 bank reconciliation as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Nothing.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.